

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Prior to entry of this amendment, claim 33 was pending. Claim 33 is amended herein and new claims 43-49 are added. No new matter is added.

The amendment to claim 33 corrects a typographical error inadvertently introduced in Applicants' prior amendment filed September 28, 2009.

New claim 43 is proposed in furtherance of the Examiner's own observations at page 3, second paragraph of the Office Action mailed May 28, 2009, and finds explicit support throughout the specification including, e.g., paragraphs [0045]-[0049] and in Example 1, while new claims 44-47 are exemplary dependent claims finding support at, e.g., paragraphs [0049] and [0072].

New claims 48 and 49 find support at, e.g., paragraphs [0076]-[0083], in Examples 4 & 5 and in previously-cancelled claims 41-43, and are proposed in expectation of eventual rejoinder pursuant to point 4, page 3 of the Examiner's previous restriction requirement mailed January 3, 2008 in the instant case.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is now in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendments and an action passing this case to issue is therefore respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite extension of time fees along with any other fees due with this response to Deposit Account No: 50-2387 and credit any over payment to the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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